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Comments.

1. Throughout this report, for Main Directorate read Chief Directorate.
2. In paragraph 2, Vilnius is correctly Vilnius; Shauliai is correctly Siauliai.
3. Comment 1, for "that Internal Troops were organized into a Main Directorate-GUVV" read "that only Internal Troops and Border Troops were organized into Chief Directorates (GUVV and GUPV)".

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1. Types of MVD Troops

to differentiate between various types of MVD troops, MVD operational units, there were several types and varieties. First, there was the Border Guard, which was represented as a Main Directorate (Glavnoye Upravleniye Pogranichnikh Voysk - GUPV), directly under the MVD. the various other types, which were all called loosely "interior troops" (vnutrenniki), include (a) Operational Troops "for fighting banditism" - i.e. to control internal disorder such as from partisan anti-regime elements. (b) Railway Troops, (c) Internal Troops, (d) Troops for the Protection of Special Objects (Voyska Okhrany Osobykh Obyektov - VOOO) who guard "lagers, prisons, military installations, etc.", (e) Convoy Troops; and possibly there were some others. Each of the foregoing had a Main Directorate in Moscow, directly under the MVD.1. a Col. Gen. APPOLONOV was the deputy for another type of MVD troops, one of the internal variety Col. Gen. (fnu) MASLENKOV, was the deputy for the Troops for the Protection of Special Objects (VOOO).

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2. MVD Operational Troops and MVD Internal Troops

[redacted] to distinguish more clearly between Internal Troops (Vnutrennyye Voyska) and Operational Troops (Operativnyye Voyska) sometimes called Special Designation Troops (Voyska Osobogo Naznacheniya or "OzNaz") [redacted] it was quite difficult to explain this rather fine difference [redacted] The 2d and 4th Div. 2. were MVD Operational Troops; their primary job was to "combat Lithuanian bandits" and to bolster the newly reintroduced Soviet regime. A division of Internal Troops (Vnutrenniye Voyska), commanded up to 1951 by [redacted] - a Col. PERSIKOV - in the vicinity of Grodno /N 53-41, E 23-51/ in White Russia had a similar mission. As another type of duty for these latter troops, [redacted]

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[redacted] during a recent major earthquake in Ashkhabad /N 38-00, E 58-00/, Internal Troops took command of all important sites and installations in the city, including banks, hospitals, etc.. They performed guard duty to preserve order and prevent rioting, looting and pillage (of which there was considerable amount). [redacted] the mission of the two types was just about one and the same, prevention of mass disorder or, "The maintenance of revolutionary order and the power of the Soviet government" [redacted] Operational Troops were to be found more in the newer territories of the Soviet Union, - such as Baltic countries, Bessarabia, the recently acquired portions of White Russia, where their mission was to stamp out or keep down anti-regime partisans. The 4th Regt. of Internal Troops stationed at Kiev during World War II had the same function, the maintenance of order. [redacted]

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[redacted] two divisions of Operational Troops 2. the 2d Div. in Vilnius commanded by a Gen. VETROV (as of 1944), and the 4th Div. in Shauliai, commanded by a Gen. (fnu) PIYASHCHEV (as of 1950). These were all the MVD operational troops in Lithuania, [redacted]

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[redacted] they were organized along triangular lines: three regiments per division, three battalions per regiment, three companies per battalion, three platoons per company. [redacted] the component parts of these units were widely scattered on garrison duty throughout Lithuania. [redacted] the division strength to be between 10,000 and 12,000 men.

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MVD Government Signal Troops.

[redacted] MVD signal troops. [redacted]

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[redacted] were called Voyska Pravitel'stvennoy Svyazi, [redacted]

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[redacted] the laying of the "Governmental Strategic Cable" 3. between Moscow and Warsaw was not done by MVD troops but by a "working column" (Rabochaya kolonna) under the direction of officer-specialists from troops of the MVD [redacted] Capt. (fnu) KOLESNIKOV as an engineer in charge of the project in that area.

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4. MVD Railway Troops

[redacted] there existed another organization of MVD troops called "Railway Troops" - ("ZHELEZNODOROZHNIYE VOYSKA"). These were organized generally into "garrisons" of three categories, depending on the importance of the object or area guarded. For example, an important tunnel might have a company or a platoon sized unit to guard it. [redacted] the Volga river bridge in the vicinity of Saratov had first category garrison of company size. In the case of smaller bridges, a third category garrison of about 30 men would be assigned. In some cases, a company would be assigned a number of bridges.

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[redacted] factory guards might be "militarized", but bridge, tunnel, and communication route guards had to be "military" (Voyennyye).

[redacted] who were the black clad police-type individuals armed with sabers often seen in Soviet stations by many foreigners. [redacted] they were called Strel'tsy (guard) or Dezhurnyye (guard): they were only Railway Militia (police), not troops. [redacted] the Soviet militia in general were considered "military" or "militarized", [redacted] they were "half and half". Most militia men were former servicemen and could if necessity demanded be converted into troops.

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